

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed September 12, 2007 has been received and the Examiner's comments carefully reviewed. Claim 20 has been amended. Claims 74 has been cancelled. Claims 20, 70 and 71 are currently pending. Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

The undersigned representative wishes to thank the Examiner to the telephonic interview on Dec. 1, 2007, during which the Examiner confirmed that claim 20 would be allowable is amended as he proposed in the Office Action.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 20, 70, 71 and 74 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. The cancellation of claim 74 renders the rejection of that claim moot. Applicant has amended claim 20 as the Examiner proposed in the Office Action and therefore believes claims 20, 70 and 71 are now in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

As indicated in the Office Action and confirmed during the Examiner interview, claim 20 would be allowable if amended as the Examiner proposed in the Office Action. With the amendment to claim 20 adopting the amended proposed by the Examiner, claims 20, 70 and 71 are now in condition for allowance.

SUMMARY

It is respectfully submitted that each of the presently pending claims (claims 20, 70 and 71) are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the below-listed telephone number if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

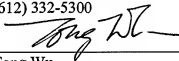
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